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MEMORANDUM FOR: SPECIAL DEPUTY/WH

SUBJECT

: Arrangements to date concerning Black Flight

30 December 1953

2. Following approval of the memo from CWH to DD/P 10f AMD was contacted and the problem from the Black Flight Specialists' point of view was placed in the hands of 7.2313 K Building, Extension 3910.]brought flight and times, destinations, weights and oubic loads were Jon a need-to-know concerned. this being approved by **]** with DD/P's approval This Chief's approval to Istated that at last he saw the gist cooperate. [. of the project's mission (surmised from weapons' allotment approval and destination of Black flight approval) and to inform CWH that PM approval would be forthcoming on any related subject concerning the project with only the barest knowledge of the details (i.e., full steam ahead with his best wishes and any necessary signature approval).

3. I det with I def AMD and his staff and presented the problem, giving him the following information (some of the decisions herein being formulated after information discussed).

a. I would have 4,200 pounds, approximately 40 cubic feet, packed, prepared for flight, and excorted into position at the proper time on I with proper loading facilities, etc. (i.e., AMD would assure sterility and security and positioning the plane I will insure the sterility and security measures of positioning the load on the plane.)

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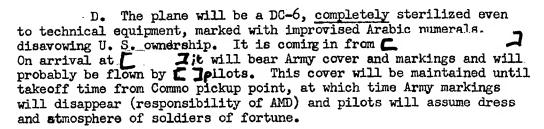


In order to coordinate this, AMD gave the name of their JAir Traffic Coordinator. contact at 7£xtension 7351. AMD will brief immediately, insofar as the flight is concerned, and on briefing will get together him will notify L 7 of logistics on receipt of notification of awareness of the problem. who is our logistical planner on this phase of the project and who is aware of his part in Jolans, will move to Intermittently to control the I end of the last-minute preparations. It is estimated that the best manner to insure coordination will be to have Jon entry into the field at the on the spot to meet with time of loading to insure concurrence with best security concerning Jis bird-dogging gathering, packing, and transthe field. shipment to the field and on receipt of notification of awareness will effect a contact between himself and I is contemplated that himself will handle the Lend it to insure isolation of flight knowledge. If notification of I end of Jawareness arrives before departure of L J this meeting will be laid on and announced to responsible persons.

B. Proper packaging, gathering, and movement are still in an unsettled state, but it is not considered an insurmountable obstacle and the following are under way:

ii. Zare briefed insofar as plans have been formulated to insure their capability of carrying out the above.

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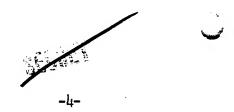
- E. On completion of loading, the plane will depart at a time to be designated after complete staffing, and will land at I field. The details of security of landing and departure for I are the responsibility of AMD and will be forwarded when determined. We have been assured that the problems are not insurmountable and that our security requirements are understood. The time and point of loading will be forthcoming from AMD to I
- F. Zill have on hand at the designated place and time, approximately 12,000 pounds of commo gear. Packing and sterility and movement to point of plane loading to be responsibility of V and coordination effected between him and AMD on this subject can be explained in detail by him.
- 3. SEEKFORD has been instructed to determine though RUFUS contact, the Z instructions on what requirements he lays on the actions at his field Z insofar as:
 - A. Time arrival, and confirmation Jan. 14 date.
 - B. Approach Pattern.
 - C. Recognition Signals.
 - D. Taxi instructions (including refueling instructions).
 - E. Off-loading point.
 - F. Miscellaneous.

SEEKFORD has been instructed as to the urgent need for these instructions and expects to get them to us via cable, information this office, by approximately 4-5 January. This office should pass the information to AMD immediately.

If rom Lincoln, will also pass the instructions to prevent railure of receipt of information.

If, for any unknown reason. the date of arrival requirements laid on from ______ do not concur with SEEKFORD's instructions, it would be more feasible to work towards changing his requirements than changing AMD plans. Due to the time factor, it is a necessity that parallel development procedures be going on simultaneously.

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4. SEEKFORD has made preliminary arrangements for overall transportation which insure his ability to gain specific transportation for this load and to gain arrival security precautions necessary. SEEKFORD is securing truckage from JUnloading crew to be RUFUS men. He has been instructed that PM equipment will be designated \underline{M} and has a list of the \underline{M} weight and cubage. He has been instructed to have sufficient truckage to separate MM and truck immediately to PM training site. SEEKFORD knows that Commo training equipment is to be on the plane marked XX and that he is to truck immediately to Commo training area. SEEKFORD did not know on departure, that other Commo material, marked RR, a rather sizeable portion of the shipment, would be on board. He is being informed by cable and will be instructed as to size and cubage and that it is to be stored under our protection immediately in the commo training site, if, as expected, the PP site is not prepared for receipt of same. SEEKFORD is aware of the need for Iprotection from local interference of the plane's activities or the offloading and tucking-to-site procedures and Jehat although the exact manner cannot be predicted I can insure same at this time it is a surety that

with a meeting with AMD just prior to all departure

Jahould tie down more of the above and will be reported
on by

The following should be the probable sequence of

by a spoken work and that it will be done.

A. Confirmation of time departure flight from K with loading instructions received from AMD.

B. Same, I field.
C. Contact between I affected amd
sedurity problems resulting from their coordination meeting presented
for Security perusal.

D. Arrival of requirements and dessemination of these requirements to AMD.

E. Continuation of work by AMD and relay of progress info. to PBSUCCESS.

F. Continuation of Lagathering and packaging efforts, with Lagain and overseeing to insure conformance with PBSUCCESS requirements.

6. Note: This paragraph is the result of a meeting at 1400 this date, and makes report by Z Junnecessary.

A. The only changes coming from the meeting are as follows: 1. a C-47 from E Tield will transport the equipment from Ton the morning of Jan. 13. This plane will load at 0900 on the 13th. Tis to contact Tany time after the fifth. The C-47 will be offloaded onto the DC-6

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on arrival at [] Field. It will RON and leave [] in accord with [] arrival requirements. Commo gear will be loaded on the 13th.

- 2. AMD understands that its point of responsibility begins at the gate of
- 3. If 100-130 or 115-145 octane gasoline is not available, 2 a stopover will be arranged by AMD at West Palm Beach, Florida.
- 4. AMD will have a personal representative at Westover prior to the 13th who will be in contact with Dillon.
- B. After conferring with AMD and noting their thorough manner of handling this particular project, it is recommended that as little supervision as possible outside of that outlined in Paragraph 5 be exercized over their planning of this operation.

